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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
 OAKLAND DIVISION

LIYONG LI and XIAOMING WANG,
 Plaintiffs,
 v.
 MICHAEL CHERTOFF, Secretary of the
 Department of Homeland Security;
 EMILIO T. GONZALEZ, Director of U.S.
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 ROBERT S. MUELLER, III, Director of
 Federal Bureau of Investigation;
 CHRISTINA POULOS, Regional Director
 of California Service Center, U.S.
 Citizenship and Immigration Services;
 PETER D. KEISLER, United States
 Attorney General,
 Defendants

No. C 07-3653 SBA

JOINT REQUEST FOR EXEMPTION
 FROM THE FORMAL ADR PROCESS

Each of the undersigned certifies that he or she has read either the handbook entitled
 "Dispute Resolution Procedures in the Northern District of California," or the specified portions of
 the ADR Unit's Internet site <www.adr.cand.uscourts.gov>, discussed the available dispute
 resolution options provided by the court and private entities, and considered whether this case might
 benefit from any of them.

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Here, the parties agree that referral to a formal ADR process will not be beneficial because this action is limited to Plaintiffs' request for a hearing on their naturalization applications. Given the substance of the action and the lack of any potential middle ground, ADR will only serve to multiply the proceedings and unnecessarily tax court resources. Accordingly, pursuant to ADR L.R. 3-3(c), the parties request the case be removed from the ADR Multi-Option Program and that they be excused from participating in the ADR phone conference and any further formal ADR process.

Dated: November 6, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 5, 2007

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ORDER

Pursuant to stipulation, IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date:

SAUNDRA B. ARMSTRONG
United States District Judge

¹I, Melanie L. Proctor, hereby attest that I have on file all holograph signatures for any signatures indicated by a "conformed" signature (/S/) within this efiled document.